University of Delhi for introduction of various new Courses in Delhi Colleges w.e.f. academic session 1989-90, with total intake capacity of about 500 students. In order to meet the growing demand for admissions, the Delhi Administration established three new colleges in 1987-88. There is also a proposal to start a College of Applied Sciences for Women from the current academic session by the Delhi Administration.

As several students apply for admission to more than one course and in more than one college simultaneously and to process of admission is still on the number of students who have applied for admission and the number who have not been able to obtain admission cannnot be stated precisely. However, the University has indicated that it should be in a position to absorb practically all the eligible candidates.

New Strategy to attract tourists to India

169. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently evolved a new strategy to attract tourists to visit India in larger numbers by involving different foreign airlines in our programme;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether any agreement has been entered into with any foreign airlines;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the number of tourists likely to visit India during the next few years ; and

(e) what would be the likely expenditure involved in implementing the new schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism has recently entered into a joint promotion with leading international airlines to promote India Overseas Department through its overseas offices would be organising promotional seminars, inviting travel agent and media writers on familiarisation tours, and cultural and food festivals as part of this promotion. In addition, films and pamphlets would be produced for promoting India's tourists attraction in these markets.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, A memorandum of understanding and a Letter of Intent have been signed which vould result in increased tourist traffic during the next few years.

(e) The estimated cost of implementing the new scheme would be in the range of US $5,00,000.

Scheme for renumbering of Passenger Trains

170. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to finalise a scheme for renumbering of passenger trains on a more rational and scientific basis than has been followed so far ;

(b) if so what are the details thereof ;

(c) the manner in which the renumbering of the passenger trains would be made ; and

(d) to what extent the general puolic would easily understand the

Rrenumbering Pattern of passenger trains

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Details have not been worked out.

Accidents by D.T.C. Buses

171. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the accidents of DTC buses have been alarmingly increasing during the past few months;

(b) if so, the number of total accidents involving DTC buses, during the past one year ;

(c) the number of persons killed as a result thereof during the same period; and

(d) the exact causes of the involvement of DTC buses in accidents and the steps taken by Government against the reckless drivers of DTC buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Compared to the six monthly period, January—June, 1988 where the accidents rate per lakh kilometres, involving DTC buses had been 1·31, it has declined to 1·27 in January-June, 1989.

(b) and (c) The details of accidents involving DTC buses during 1988-89 are as under ;

Minor	4124
Major	152
Fatal	211
Total	4487
Persons killed . . .	223

(d) Besides normal causative factors like driving habits, increase in vehicle population, consisting mixed mode of vehicles, both slow-moving and fast-moving also contributes to road accidents. Analysis of accident data involving DTC buses shows that rash and negligents driving, error in judgement, mechanical defects, lack of road sense both on the part of DTC crew and others have been the causes for accidents involving DTC buses. Embarkation/disembarkation in moving buses by passengers is also one of the causes for accidents. Steps taken to prevent accidents include training of drivers before putting them on duty, refreshers training programme enforcement of speed limits, provision of speed governors in city service buses, incentives for accident free record etc.

Entitlement of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas for senior Pay-scales

172. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas are entitled for grant of senior scales :

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and conditions of their admissibility to them ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said scales have not been given to them ; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.